

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Alan Doane, on January 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 58, 1/3/2017; HB 59, 1/3/2017; HB 109, 1/3/2017

HEARING ON HB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:10 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 58, Require public defender workload assessment study.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 Mark Parker, Chair, Public Defender Commission

00:06:58 Rep. Eck exited

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:44 Bill Hooks, Chief Public Defender, Office of Public Defender

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:15 Rep. Kelker

00:09:00 Rep. Dudik

00:09:39 Rep. Kelker

00:09:57 Rep. Dudik

00:10:31 Rep. Wagoner

00:10:58 Rep. Dudik

00:11:15 Rep. Wagoner

00:11:27 Rep. Dudik

00:12:26 Rep. Wagoner

00:12:44 Bill Hooks, Office of Public Defender

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:07 Rep. Dudik

HEARING ON HB 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:33 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 59, Revise appointment of public defender for putative father in neglect cases.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:59 Mark Parker, Chair, Public Defender Commission

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:19:33 Kristina Neal, Office of the State Public Defender

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:25 Rep. Eck

00:20:45 Kristina Neal, Office of the State Public Defender

00:21:29 Rep. Eck

00:21:42 Kristina Neal, Office of the State Public Defender

00:22:07 Rep. Hill Smith
 00:22:48 Kristina Neal, Office of the State Public Defender
 00:23:09 Rep. Hill Smith
 00:23:33 Kristina Neal, Office of the State Public Defender

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:15 Rep. Dudik

HEARING ON HB 109

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:31 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 109, Require every applicant for public notary to pass an exam.

 00:26:42 Vice Chair Court joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:07 Jeff Hindoien, Montana Secretary of State Office
 00:33:02 Linda Stoll, Montana Clerks and Records (MACR)
 00:35:20 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties Office (MACO)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:39 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:52 Rep. Harris
 00:43:38 Jeff Hindoien, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:43:57 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:47:11 Rep. Harris
 00:47:51 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:48:13 Rep. Harris
 00:48:27 Rep. C. Knudsen
 00:48:53 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:49:40 Rep. Bishop
 00:50:16 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:50:49 Rep. Bishop
 00:51:06 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:52:43 Rep. Kelker
 00:53:55 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:54:58 Rep. Wagoner
 00:55:24 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:55:44 Rep. Manzella
 00:56:03 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:57:11 Rep. Morigeau
 00:57:41 Laura Vachowski, Montana Secretary of State's Office
 00:58:12 Vice Chair Berglee
 00:58:41 Rep. Price
 00:58:56 Rep. Eck

00:59:39 Rep. Wagoner
00:59:48 Linda Stoll, MACR
01:00:08 Rep. Regier
01:00:39 Linda Stoll, MACR
01:00:54 Rep. Harris
01:01:38 Jeff Hindoien, Montana Secretary of State's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:52 Rep. Price

ADJOURNMENT

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

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